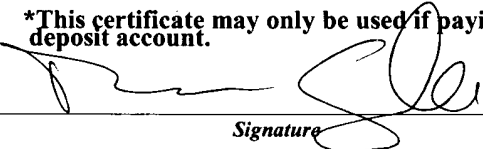


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1. United States Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0027268 A1, to Kato, dated October 4, 2001;
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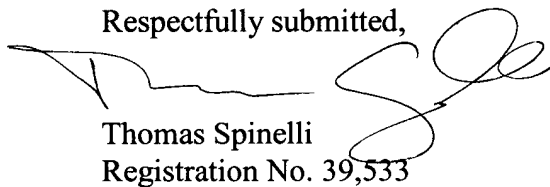
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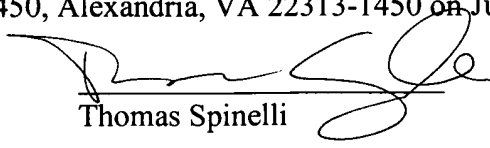
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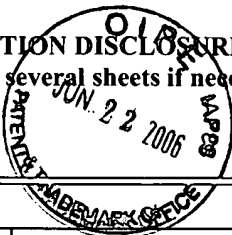
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